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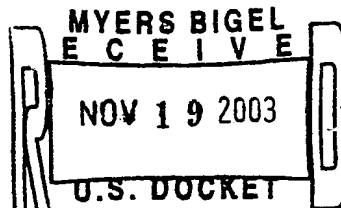
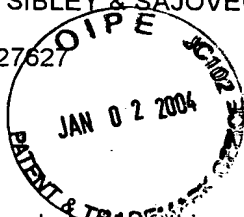


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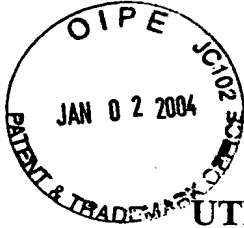
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☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____; filed _____.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
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3. ☒ 8 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
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 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
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5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76


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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
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9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
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Serial No.: 10/646,963

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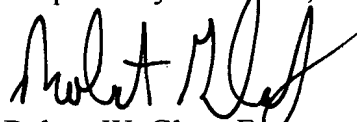
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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of August 22, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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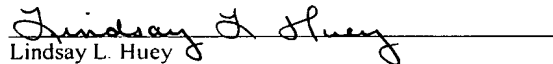


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